

AN ENGLISHMAN'S Thoughts

OF THE

Present State of Affairs.

In a Letter to a Member in Parliament.

SIR,
YOUR Commands must ever be my Rule; in obedience whereto I confess 'tis my Thoughts, as well as your Neighbours, to commend your Zeal for the Publick since you met together; and that you have shewn your selves true Patriots to break the Stockjobbing Design in the Choice of Members: I hope for the future, you'll put it out of the Power of Knaves to dispose of your Liberties for Money. Your Warmth and Vigour also cannot be disapproved in your Proceedings against the Impeached Lords of the former Ministry: And if you'll crown your Work, let us not be betray'd by another Ministry, under a different Denomination: 'Tis not *Whig* or *Tory*, but the *honest English Man* that must be employ'd, when all the subtle Heads of *France* are at work to undermine us, and their open Hands to blind our Eyes, while they noose us in Slavery. We know his Majesty will take your Advice, and be pleased in such a Choice of upright Men, for the several stations of his Service, as shall be offer'd him by the House of Commons, that he may be rescued from the exploded Crew that engross him; Men whose Hands are blacken'd with horrid Miscarriages, and whose hardned Foreheads are branded with indelible Characters of sinister Ends; such as are the Triumvirate of State, with their whole Alliance; as also their under Tools *Ch-r M-n*, *Sir Jo. T-r*, and *H-y G-*, whose diligence for the Ruin of *England* is not to be obviated but by the Supream Inquest: We may subjoin *Ld R---b*, whose Accounts are never to be cleared, but rather more embarrass'd, while he retains the same Post, and laughs at all your Proceedings. His Majesty knows not where to go for a Choice but by your Advice and Recommendation: Therefore the sooner you strike at the Root of these Managements, the better; especially since we are inform'd that *France* bids high for his Interest here, and 'tis said, has scattered no less than 550000 *Lewis d' Ores* somewhere, which were worth your knowing: And if you make some you have in your hands disgorge their unlawful Gains, it may probably pay some Millions of the Debts now lying on this Kingdom; For what will it avail to give new Supplys, and put them under the same Conduct? Nor should our Fleet be forgotten, which under God is the only Security of *England*, and in such a Management as it once was in, would be a sufficient Terror to *France*, if not to the whole *Romish* Interest; but where we want an Admiralty that understand that Affair, that will act for the Publick Good, and employ no Commanders at Sea but such as are known to be in the true Interest of the Kingdom and Government. I need not enlarge, but only hint these Matters to your wiser Councils, as the sense of your Neighbours, and it may be of the Body of the *English* Nation, whatever some may think to the contrary.

I am, Sir, Yours to command.

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